

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1, please amend the Title as follows:

~~Novel 2'-O-Alkyl Guanosines~~ Oligonucleotides Containing 2'-O-Modified Purines

On page 1, please amend the paragraph below the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications" as follows:

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 07/967,267, filed October 27, 1992, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 07/918,362, filed on July 23, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,506,351. Application Serial No. 07/918,362 is also a continuation-in-part of ~~and~~ Application Serial No. US91/00243, filed on January 11, 1991 which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 07/463,358 filed on January 11, 1990 (abandoned) and Application Serial No. 07/566,977 filed on August 13, 1990 (abandoned). ~~This application is related to Application serial Number 566,977, filed on August 13, 1990.~~ These applications are assigned to the assignee of the present application and are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.